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Interstate 17 Construction Update

Save the date for I-17 Construction Open Houses Meet ADOT staff, construction contractor Aug. 28 and 29

ADOT will host two open house meetings Aug. 28 and 29 to inform the community about current and upcoming construction activities on Interstate 17 from Loop 101 north to Anthem Way. We encourage you to attend one of these meetings to get more information about the improvements, meet staff from ADOT and the construction contractor and have an opportunity to discuss your questions or concerns.

Aug. 28, 6-8 p.m. Sandra Day O'Connor High School Cafeteria 25250 N. 35th Ave., Phoenix (north of Happy Valley Road)

Aug. 29, 6-8 p.m. Boulder Creek High School Cafeteria 40404 N. Gavilan Peak Pkwy., Anthem (north of Daisy Mountain Drive)

Note: These meetings are an open house format, with no formal presentation. The same information will be available at each meeting.

Upcoming Restrictions

As part of the traffic interchange projects at Jomax Road, Dixileta Drive and Carefree Highway

(State Route 74), continued temporary restrictions are scheduled on Interstate 17 and on Carefree Highway. Here's an overview of scheduled closures - for the most up-to-date listing, check the project Web site:

(Listen to an audio report of upcoming work)

I-17 from Happy Valley Road to Carefree Highway

I-17 will be restricted to one lane in each direction overnight on the following dates:

Thursday, Aug. 16 9 p.m. - 5 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 19 - Thursday, Aug. 23 9 p.m. - 5 a.m.

Carefree Highway at I-17

Carefree Highway will be restricted westbound just east of the I-17 interchange at Carefree Highway on the following date:

Monday, Aug. 20 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

While ADOT strives to inform the public about planned freeway restrictions, during any complex construction project, there is a possibility that unscheduled closures or restrictions may occur. Please visit our <u>Web site</u> for the most current information about planned I-17 restrictions.

An audio podcast outlining this week's I-17 Traffic Alert can be downloaded from the <u>ADOT Web</u> site.

All I-17 improvement projects from Loop 101 to Carefree Highway are scheduled for completion in 2009. Once improvements are underway to Carefree Highway, construction will begin on freeway widening north to Anthem Way.

Slow Down in the Work Zone

As a reminder, the speed limit on I-17 has been reduced to 45 miles per hour during construction of the improvements north of Loop 101, and 25 miles per hour on the frontage roads along this segment of I-17. The reduced speeds are designed to protect workers and motorists in the construction zone. It's important to remember that, even if you don't see any work occurring in the immediate area, work zones and temporary travel lanes are changing frequently on I-17 and the shoulders and medians are restricted throughout much of this area. A predictable, reduced speed throughout the entire construction zone gives drivers increased reaction time to navigate unfamiliar conditions. During I-17 construction, plan ahead for unexpected restrictions – and remember to slow down in the work zone.

- For general information about I-17 improvements, contact the I-17 project hotline at 480.890.3055 or projectupdate@lewin-associates.com.
- For information on construction activities, contact Brock Barnhart at 602.712.7176 or bbarnhart@azdot.gov.
- For traffic updates across Arizona, visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at www.az511.com or call 5-1-1.

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